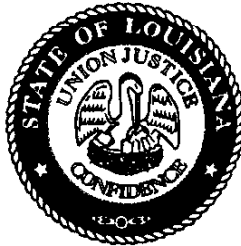




**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Vicksburg District
4155 Clay Street
Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435



Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.: JCB-200109540
EVALUATOR: Joyce Butler
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DATE: October 9, 2001
EXPIRATION DATE: October 23, 2001

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services are considering an application for a Department of the Army permit and State water quality certification for the work described herein. A water quality certification is required in accordance with statutory authority contained in the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 30, Chapter 11, Part IV, Section 2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217). Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, ATTN: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, Permits Division, Post Office Box 82135, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2135, and must reach these offices by the cited expiration date. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has additional information on file in their office in Baton Rouge and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality upon payment of cost of printing. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will make a final decision on the water quality certification pertaining to this application within 30 days after expiration of this notice.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), which applies to structures or work in navigable waters of the United States and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:

Louisiana Office of State Parks
1051 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Name of Agent:

Mr. Tom Jones
Triad Builders of Ruston
401 West Mississippi Avenue
Ruston, Louisiana 71270

Location of Work: Section 32, T21N-R1W, latitude 32°46'16.9564", longitude 92°29'19.6905", within the Ouachita River drainage basin, Union Parish, Farmerville, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit to construct three piers, an observation deck, two floating boat docks and maneuvering basins, and two boat channels in Bayou D'Arbonne Lake. The project is located within Lake D'Arbonne State Park. The purpose of the project would be to provide access to the lake for recreational use and to allow access between the new docks and the existing boat launching and landing areas. The following descriptions of the project and its associated impacts are based on information provided by the applicant.

The project would involve construction of two piers, floating docks and maneuvering basins, and removal of stumps for a boat channel adjacent to vacation cabins at the state park. Two fixed wooden piers, 126-feet and 155-foot long, and 6 feet wide, would join 30-foot long gangways and 100-foot long floating docks. An area approximately 170-feet by 100-feet would be dredged in each location for the maneuvering basins. A 760-foot long by 30-foot wide channel would be dredged to connect the basins. Dredging would be done using a back hoe or other similar equipment if the work is done while the lake is drawn down. If dredging is done after the water level is restored, a hydraulic dredge would be used.

Approximately 7,000 cubic yards of clayey silt and sand would be dredged for the basins and channel. Scattered tree stumps would also be removed from this channel. Dredged material would be placed in the lake adjacent to the boat channel, at a distance sufficient to prevent the material being washed back into the area. The tree stumps would be used by the applicant for fisheries habitat within the lake. Approximately 1.496 acres of other waters and 0.024 acre of wetlands along the shoreline would be affected by construction of the piers, gangways, docks, basins, and channel.

Tree stumps would be cut back using chain saws within the approximately 2,400-foot long, 30-foot-wide boat channel connecting to the existing lake channel, but there would be no dredging there. The purpose of this work is to achieve a 6-foot depth in the channel.

At the visitor's center, an approximately 296-foot long and 6-foot wide wooden pier and 23-foot by 8-foot observation deck would be constructed. A chain saw would be used to remove trees and saplings. Approximately 3.185 acres of other waters and 0.027 acre of wetlands would be affected by the work at this site.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in wetlands and other waters of the United States requires a Department of the Army Permit.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: An initial review indicates that the proposed project would not affect any of the sites in Union Parish listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Copies of this notice have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes, the Corps archaeologists, and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to cultural resources that could result from this activity.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any endangered species or their critical habitat. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

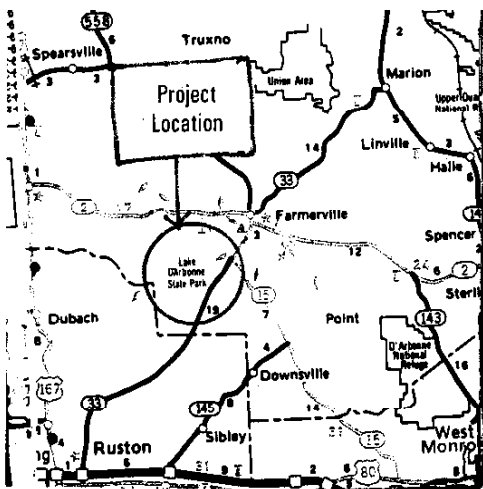
Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public: Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a

hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

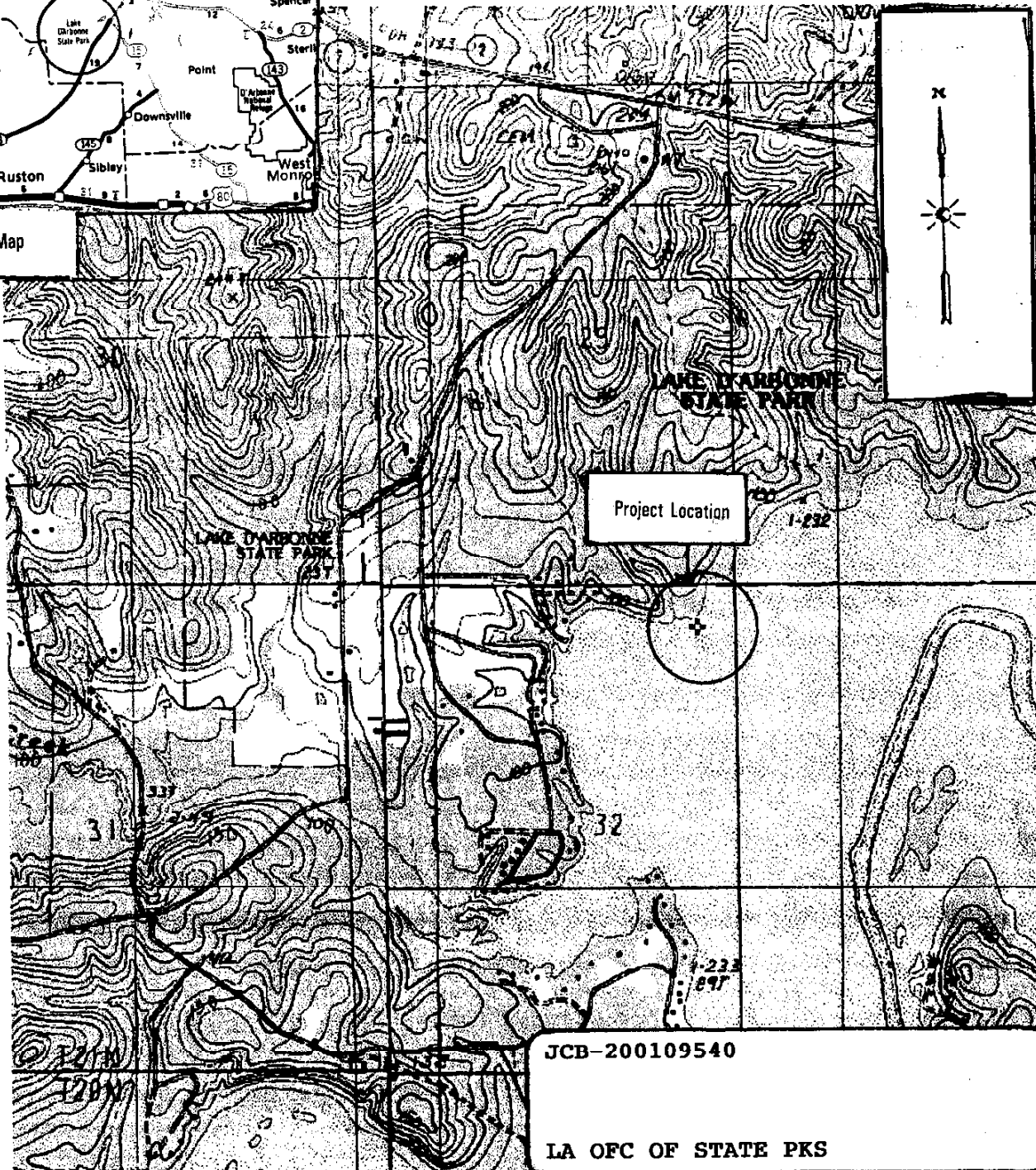
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W. Harold Lee
Team Leader
Evaluation Section



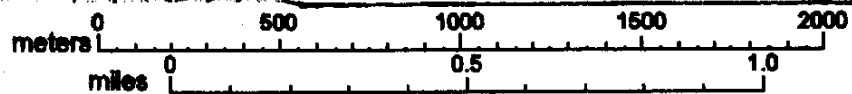
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BOAT LAUNCH

APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF
EXISTING BOAT CHANNEL

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Approx
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2400' ±

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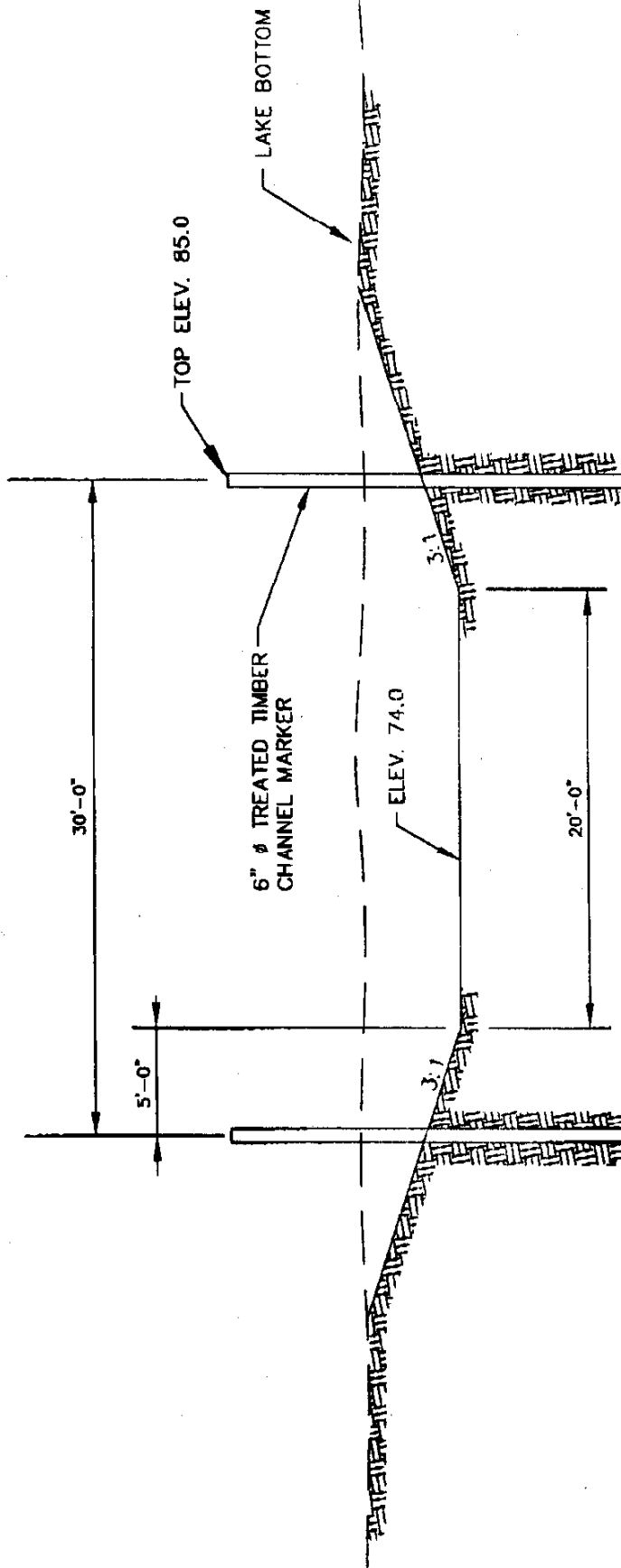


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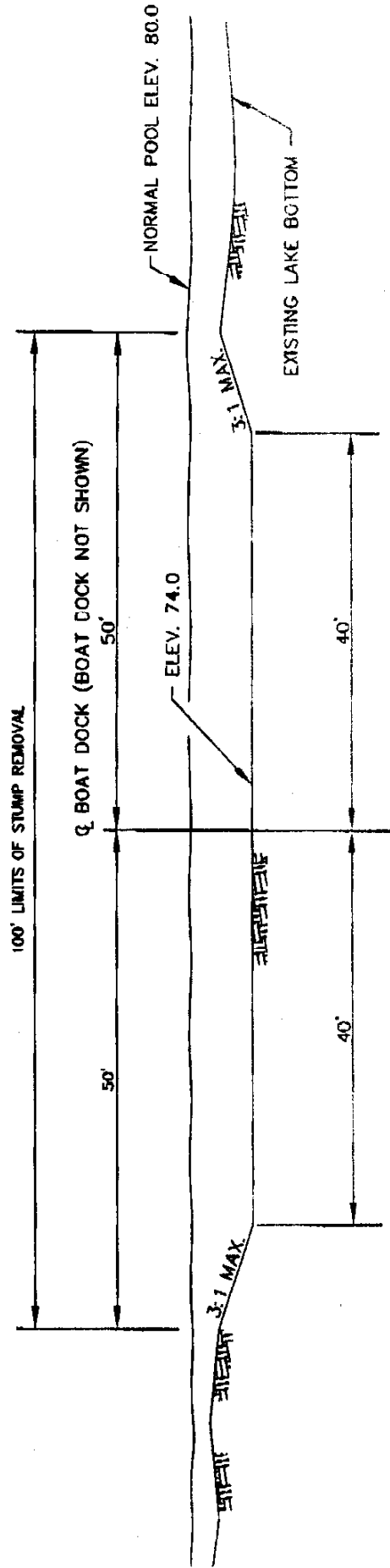
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GENERAL NOTES:

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